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JEB BUSH Governor STEVEN M. SEIBERT Secretary

April 19, 1999

Ms. Maureen Bornholdt Department of the Interior Minerals Management Service Mail Stop 4024, 381 Elden Street Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817

Re:

Minerals Management Service - Notice of Proposed Rulemaking - Amendment of 30 CFR Part 250 - Coastal Zone Consistency Review of Exploration Plans and Development

and Production Plans - State of Florida

SAI: FL9902180095C

Dear Ms. Bornholdt:

Pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 12372, Gubernatorial Executive Order 95-359, and the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C., sections 1451-1464, as amended, the State of Florida has completed its review of the referenced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking published the February 17, 1997 Federal Register (64 Federal Register 7837) by the Minerals Management Service (MMS).

The Department of Community Affairs, designated as the State's lead coastal agency pursuant to section 306 of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. section 1456(c), and section 380.22, Florida Statutes (F.S.), hereby notifies MMS that the proposed regulations are consistent with the Florida Coastal Management Program. However, the Executive Office of the Governor and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection have provided several comments, which are enclosed and incorporated herein by reference, for consideration in the continued development of the proposed rule.

Sincerely,

Chris Mc Cay Ralph Cantral, Executive Director Florida Coastal Management Program

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Enclosures

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